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Dear Sir

In response to the Office Action of October 11, 2006, the period for response having been extended by a two-month Extension of Time filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.